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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR

SWITCHING FIBRE CHANNEL ARBITRATED LOOP DEVICES

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 8, 2007, for which a response is due on September 8, 2007, and for which a 1-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from September 8, 2007 to October 9, 2007 (the first business day following Columbus Day, October 8, 2007), please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 14 of this paper.